

2007-08 Legislative Summary



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The 2007-08 legislative session was, for the Local Government Committee, one highlighted by its involvement with SB 375 (Steinberg), landmark legislation that will integrate transportation and housing planning to promote sustainable land use planning and reduce vehicular greenhouse gas emissions. After raising a number of substantial concerns with an early iteration of the bill which was heard in 2007, the Committee played a key role in helping shape the amendments that eventually led to the passage of the bill with an unprecedented array of supporters that included the construction industry, local governments, environmental organizations, and affordable housing advocates.

In addition to SB 375, the session's activity included consideration of legislation containing several components of the momentous package of flood control legislation enacted after years of discussion and controversy, efforts to create allocation criteria for significant portions of the infrastructure bond funds approved by the voters in 2006, and ambitious and controversial initiatives in housing and land use. In addition, we saw significant legislation on many other subjects in our jurisdiction of land use planning, local government finance, powers and duties of local governments, and special districts.

While in previous years issues such as density bonus law and design build were the hot topics, they have been replaced by legislation regarding AB 32 implementation, climate change, and smart growth.

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ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

2007-08 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

(Bills marked with an asterisk () were amended and subsequently utilized as vehicles for other bill proposals, some of which stayed within the Committee's jurisdiction.)*

LAND USE AND HOUSING

AB 5 (Wolk) Flood management.

Reforms the Reclamation Board, adjusts statutory framework for state flood control projects in the Central Valley, and corrects errors in AB 156 (Laird), SB 5 (Machado) and SB 17 (Florez) all of which are part of the 2007 flood package.

Status: Chapter 366, Statutes of 2007

AB 20 (Eng) Transit-oriented plan amendments. *

Would have created specific notice and hearing requirements for proposed transit-oriented plan amendments that are different from the requirements in existing law for proposed redevelopment plan amendments. **Status:** *Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government by unanimous consent, and then be re-referred to Committee on Housing and Community Development. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 29 (Hancock) Infill development: incentive grants.

Would have created the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Grant Program using funds made available under Proposition 1C. **Status:** *Re-referred to Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 70 (Jones) Flood liability.

Provides, generally, that a city or county may contribute a fair and reasonable share of the increased flood damage caused by its unreasonable approval of developments following the failure of a state flood control project, under specified conditions.

Status: Chapter 367, Statutes of 2007

AB 82 (Evans) Napa County: housing.

Would have required the council of governments, when allocating the regional housing need in Napa County, to allot one unit to the county for every nine units allocated to the cities within the county. The bill would also have authorized Napa County to transfer all or part of its share of the regional housing need to a city within the county, with the consent of that city. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development. In Housing and Community Development Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 162 (Wolk) Land use: water supply.

Requires cities and counties to increase their attention to flood-related matters in the land use, conservation, safety, and housing elements of their general plans.

Status: Chapter 369, Statutes of 2007

AB 242 (Blakeslee) Land use: annexation: housing.

Makes technical changes to the statutes governing regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) transfers in the event of an incorporation or annexation.

Status: Chapter 11, Statutes of 2008

AB 382 (Housing) Housing omnibus.

Makes technical and non-controversial changes to various sections of the law dealing with housing.

Status: Chapter 596, Statutes of 2007

AB 405 (Duvall) Redevelopment: tax increment revenues.

Would have required a tax increment to be directed to the county upon expiration of a redevelopment agency if the county is a low-wealth county. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 414 (Jones) Local planning: residential development.

Places limits on the ability of a city or county to include nonresidentially zoned sites that also allow, but do not require, residential uses in its housing element's inventory of land suitable for residential development.

Status: Vetoed

AB 548 (Levine) Solid waste: multifamily dwellings.

Requires owners of multifamily dwellings to arrange for recycling services.

Status: Vetoed

AB 641 (Torricon) Developer fees.

Prohibits local governments from requiring the payment of local developer fees before the developer has received a certificate of occupancy, pursuant to a specified exemption, for any housing development in which at least 49% of the units are affordable to low- or very low-income households.

Status: Chapter 603, Statutes of 2007

AB 665 (De Saulnier) Smart Growth Management Information Report.

Would have requested the University of California to produce a report on the best practices of transportation-land use planning and smart growth management, and required the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to produce a Growth Management Information Report, using specified indicators, by January 1, 2009, and every five years thereafter.

Status: Vetoed

AB 704 (Eng) Local government: land use: Resident Advisory Commission on the Environment Act.

Would have enacted the Resident Advisory Commission on the Environment Act, which would authorize the legislative body of each city, county, and city and county to establish a Resident Advisory Commission on the Environment. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 745 (Silva) Local agency formation commissions.

Requires that expenditures made in connection with proposals that will be submitted to a local agency formation commission (LAFCO), and contributions in support of or in opposition to such proposals, be disclosed and reported to the same extent and subject to the same requirements that the Political Reform Act provides for local initiative measures.

Status: **Chapter 109, Statutes of 2007**

AB 763 (Saldaña) Condominium conversion: tenant notification.

Creates new tenant notification requirements that must be fulfilled prior to the approval of a final subdivision map for the conversion of residential rental property into condominiums, and makes other related changes to the Subdivision Map Act.

Status: **Chapter 612, Statutes of 2007**

AB 842 (Jones) Regional plans: housing and traffic reduction.

Would have required HCD, when ranking applications for funding under the Infill Incentive Grant Program and the Transit-Oriented Development Implementation (TOD) Program, to award preference or priority to projects located in areas where the local or regional entity has adopted a general plan, transportation plan, or regional blueprint that will reduce the growth of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by at least 10%, and the project is consistent with that planning document.

Status: **Vetoed**

AB 872 (Davis) CEQA: urban infill affordable housing developments: exemption.

Would have exempted urban infill affordable housing development projects of less than 300 units from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Natural Resources and Local Government. In Natural Resources Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 997 (Arambula) Infill capital outlay project and planning grants and loans.

Would have established the Infill Planning Incentive Program and the Infill Planning Incentive Account, to be funded by Proposition 84 planning funds and administered by HCD, to fund grants and loans to cities, counties, cities and counties, redevelopment agencies, incorporated mutual water companies, special districts, and nonprofit organizations for capital outlay projects that will serve infill development. **Status:** *Referred to the Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government: Hearing postponed by Housing and Community Development Committee. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1017 (Ma) Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.*

Would have required, for certain funds made available pursuant to Proposition 1C, that a funded project be consistent with the general plan of the jurisdiction in which the project is located, and that an unspecified percent be allocated to assist families of low income to achieve first-time homeownership. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. In Housing and Community Development Committee: Hearing postponed by committee.*

AB 1019 (Blakeslee) Land use: annexation: housing.

Creates a process for reallocating a portion of the county's share of the regional housing need to a city in the event that unincorporated land is annexed to the city.

Status: **Chapter 165, Statutes of 2007**

AB 1037 (Feuer) Transit-oriented development: planning.

Would have authorized a city, county, or city and county that has one or more transit-oriented developments, as defined, within its jurisdiction to adopt an ordinance or resolution granting certain enhancements for those developments relating to maximum height of buildings and structures, maximum residential density, maximum floor area ratio, and minimum parking requirements. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development. In Housing and Community Development Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1066 (Laird) Coastal resources: local coastal programs.

Would have required local coastal governments and those lying within the San Francisco Bay Area to consider the impacts of sea-level rise when amending their general plans, and would have required the Ocean Protection Council to develop guidelines and provide scientific information to assist in planning for sea level rise. **Status:** *In Senate Appropriations Committee: Set, first hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 1088 (Carter) Military base closure. *

Would have clarified that the general provisions regarding time limits governing military base conversion redevelopment agencies are not applicable to the Norton and George Air Force Bases redevelopment project areas since the statutes governing these bases provide specific provisions regarding time limit. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1091 (Bass) Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program

Would have increased from 1/4 mile to 1/2 mile the distance a development must be from a transit station to be eligible for funding under the TOD Program, and specified that it must be 1/2 mile via a readily walkable route.

Status: **Vetoed**

AB 1129 (Arambula) Rural regional affordable housing trust. *

Would have established the San Joaquin Valley Rural Regional Affordable Housing Trust as a joint powers authority, defined a rural regional affordable housing trust, and required HCD, when reviewing and ranking grant and loan applications for the funds made available under Proposition 1C, to add points to the scores of, or otherwise prioritize, applications for projects located in a jurisdiction that is a member of a rural regional affordable housing trust. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. In Housing and Community Development Committee: Hearing postponed by committee.*

AB 1169 (DeVore) Redevelopment plans: hearing.

Would have required a redevelopment agency and a legislative body to hold a joint public hearing to allow comment on specified redevelopment issues, and requires that, if the agency or the legislative body and any affected government are not able to reach agreement in a specified time regarding the impacts of the proposed redevelopment plan on any issue presented at the hearing, the parties engage in a specified process of fiscal analysis, mediation, and arbitration. **Status:** *From Assembly Local Government Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1213 (Price) Local governments: housing elements.

Would have required the housing element of the general plan, in the next update, to include floating homes in the inventory of adequate sites for housing. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1221 (Ma) Transit village developments: tax increment financing.

Would have allowed local officials to divert property tax increment revenues to pay for public facilities and enmities with transit village development districts. **Status:** **Vetoed**

AB 1231 (Garcia) Infill development: incentive grants.

Would have established criteria for awarding infrastructure grants to cities and counties from the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account established pursuant to Proposition 1C. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. In Local Government Committee: Hearing postponed by committee. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1246 (Blakeslee) Land use: natural resources.

Allows a state or local agency, when required to set aside an interest in land as mitigation for the environmental impact of one of the agency's capital projects, to transfer the interest to a nonprofit organization that meets statutory requirements to hold title to and manage the land interest. **Status:** **Chapter 330, Statutes of 2007**

AB 1253 (Caballero) Regional and local land use plans.*

Would have created the Sustainable Communities Regional and Local Land Use Planning Program for the purpose of allocating the \$90 million in bond funds for sustainable communities

regional and local land use planning implementation authorized by Proposition 84. **Status:** *In Senate Appropriations Committee: Set, first hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 1256 (Caballero) Density bonus: exemption: local inclusionary ordinance.

Would have exempted a city, county, or city and county from complying with state density bonus law if the local government has in effect a local inclusionary housing ordinance that meets certain requirements. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development. In Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1259 (Caballero) Local planning: housing element.

Extends for one year the deadline for local governments within the regional jurisdiction of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments to complete the fourth revision of their housing elements, and authorizes HCD to revise the most recent regional housing needs determination for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments region.

Status: Chapter 696, Statutes of 2007

AB 1262 (Caballero) Spheres of influence.

Deletes the January 1, 2008, sunset on the requirement that a city and county meet prior to the city applying to LAFCO for a new or updated sphere of influence.

Status: Chapter 167, Statutes of 2007

AB 1263 (Caballero) Local agency formation commissions: statement.

Clarifies the process by which LAFCOs may use fees or service charges to recover their costs, and allows LAFCOs and cities to use the existing expedited annexation procedures on additional specified county islands.

Status: Chapter 64, Statutes of 2008

AB 1352 (Berryhill) Land use: environmental permits.*

Would have added to the definition of “environmental permit” any permit issued by an air quality or air pollution control district, and require the Secretary for Environmental Protection to assist in expediting environmental permit application review and approval for projects that promote public and environmental health, as specified. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Natural Resources.*

AB 1358 (Leno) Planning: circulation element: transportation.

Enacts the Complete Streets Act of 2007.

Status: Chapter 657, Statutes of 2008

AB 1366 (Portantino) Planning: housing element: annual report.

Would have made housing element compliance and submission of the housing element progress report a threshold requirement for various housing and infrastructure grant programs administered by HCD.

Status: Vetoed

AB 1449 (Saldaña) Density bonus.

Would have revised the eligibility requirements under the state's density bonus law for moderate-income housing units to conform to the requirements in existing law for low- and very low-income housing units. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development. In Local Government Committee: Hearing postponed by committee. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1493 (Saldaña) Affordable Housing Innovation Fund: housing trust fund.

Would have required \$20,000,000 from the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund created pursuant to Proposition 1C to be used for matching grants under the Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program to new housing trusts created after January 1, 2003, and \$20,000,000 to be used for matching grants to housing trusts created before January 1, 2003. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. In Housing and Community Development Committee: Hearing postponed by committee. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1497 (Niello) Local government: housing elements.

Would have made changes to housing element requirements for determining inventory of land suitable for residential development for land that is currently under a Williamson Act contract, and would have made additional changes to the way councils of government analyze land inventories and plan for housing needs for agricultural land. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Agriculture. In Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1542 (Evans) Mobilehome parks: conversion.

Would have added requirements to the Subdivision Map Act for the conversion of a mobilehome park by a subdivider to resident ownership, including providing additional rent control protections to non-purchasing mobilehome park residents.
Status: Vetoed

AB 1744 (Committee on Local Government) Local government reorganization.

Makes several minor, non-controversial changes to the laws affecting local government organization and reorganization.
Status: Chapter 244, Statutes of 2007

AB 1777 (Houston) Land use: subdivision maps.

Would have repealed and reenacted provisions of the Subdivision Map Act that extend for 24 months the expiration date of any tentative map, or parcel map for which a tentative map has been approved, that has not expired as of the date of enactment of the bill. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing: Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1832 (Saldaña) Tidelands and submerged lands: City of San Diego.

Would have repealed several statutes freeing former tidelands granted to the City of San Diego

from use restrictions, and repealed local agency authorization to grant tidelands and submerged lands to the United States.

Status: Vetoed

AB 1903 (Hernandez) Liability: flood control and water conservation facilities.

Re-enacts and extends a sunset date for recently expired immunity provisions related to certain flood control and water conservation activities.

Status: Chapter 633, Statutes of 2008

AB 1941 (Carter) Surplus land: disposal.

Would have required a state or local agency to offer to sell or lease surplus land for any purpose to all governmental entities in the jurisdiction and allowed a local agency, housing authority, or redevelopment agency to reconvey surplus property to a for profit developer. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Business and Professions. In Local Government Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1970 (Emmerson) Habitat mitigation.

Would have required any state or local government or nonprofit entity that agrees to accept management responsibility for mitigation lands to meet certain requirements. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Water, Parks and Wildlife and Local Government. In Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1991 (Mullin) Subdivisions: tentative maps.

Would have declared specified approved maps in the City of Half Moon Bay to be in full force and effect as of January 1, 2009, notwithstanding any lapse of time, changed conditions, or other factors, and to be final and nonappealable. **Status:** *Withdrawn from Senate Local Government Committee. Re-referred to Committee on Rules.*

AB 2000 (Mendoza) General plan: housing element.

Would have permitted a local government that exceeds its RHNA share during a planning period to count the excess units towards meeting its share in the subsequent planning period.

Status: Vetoed

AB 2016 (Committee on Housing and Community Development) Housing omnibus bill.

Makes technical and non-controversial changes to various sections of the law dealing with housing.

Status: Chapter 664, Statutes of 2008

AB 2046 (Jones) Water supply assessments: groundwater.

Would have required that water supply verifications, urban water management plans, and water supply assessments include additional precise information about the status of efforts to treat contaminated groundwater that is included in these determinations.

Status: Vetoed

AB 2069 (Jones) Local planning: residential development.

Clarifies the definition of "lower residential density" under the no-net-loss zoning law.

Status: Chapter 491, Statutes of 2008

AB 2093 (Jones) General plan: mandatory elements: climate change.

Would have required that consideration of policies that reduce the emission of greenhouse gases (GHG) be incorporated into a city or county's general plan. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.*

AB 2094 (DeSaulnier) San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Adds the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to the joint policy committee coordinating the development and drafting of major planning documents for the San Francisco Bay region.

Status: Chapter 442, Statutes of 2008

AB 2182 (Caballero) Local land use planning.

Would have created the Urban and Community Center Revitalization Program.

Status: *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2219 (Parra) Subdivisions: water supply.

Would have required that, whenever a city or county considers a water supply assessment for a development project, as defined, it reduce the anticipated water demand for the project based on the water service provider's voluntary water demand management measures. **Status:** *In Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2280 (Saldaña) Density bonus.

Makes various changes to the density bonus law.

Status: Chapter 454, Statutes of 2008

AB 2322 (Portantino) Land use planning: housing element: foster youth placement.

Would have allowed a city to reduce its regional housing need allocation by 10% if it adopts a program to actively promote and assist in the placement of foster youth in existing family-based households. **Status:** *In Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. From committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).*

AB 2324 (DeSaulnier) Tidelands and submerged lands: City of Pittsburg.

Would have revised the definition of "trust lands" to include lands within the boundaries of the City of Pittsburg as such boundaries exist on December 31, 2009, and for which the City of Pittsburg has filed an application for annexation with the Contra Costa County LAFCO, on or before March 1, 2008. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2335 (Nakanishi) Building permits.

Combines three separate statutory provisions concerning forms, declarations, and notice to the property owner relating to the issuance of building permits into a single provision that combines and modifies the existing forms, declarations, and notice to the property owner and expands the acknowledgments property owners are required to make by requiring them to explicitly acknowledge that they understand or verify specified information.

Status: Chapter 66, Statutes of 2008

AB 2367 (Fuentes) Local government: local agency formation commissions. *
(As Introduced: February 21, 2008)

Would have prohibited subsequent changes to the general plan for the annexed territory or zoning that is not in conformance to the prezoning designations for a period of five years after the completion of the annexation. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.*

AB 2437 (Ruskin) Regional water systems.

Adds a new reporting requirement to, and extends the sunset date of, the Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act.

Status: Chapter 99, Statutes of 2008

AB 2447 (Jones) Subdivision maps: denial of approval.

Would have required a county to deny approval of a tentative map or parcel map if the proposed map will cause increased development in a state responsibility area or a very high fire hazard severity zone as designated by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, with specified exceptions.

Status: Vetoed

AB 2499 (Smyth) Local agency formation: incorporation or annexation.

Would have provided that, unless otherwise determined by the LAFCO, territory shall not be incorporated into, or annexed to a city if, as a result of that incorporation or annexation, unincorporated territory is surrounded by that city or by territory of that city on one or more sides and the Pacific Ocean on the remaining sides. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

AB 2514 (Eng) Human remains.

Would have required a public agency, upon notification by the coroner of the discovery of human remains not subject to the coroner's authority and determined by the coroner not to be of Native American origin, to make specified determinations and take specified actions, and would have required a landowner upon whose lands such remains are found to take specified actions.

Status: *In Senate Appropriations Committee: Set, first hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 2520 (Walters) Land use: subdivision maps.

Would have reenacted provisions relating to the extension of tentative maps effective as of the effective date of the bill. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

AB 2585 (Jeffries) Local government: general plan: amendments.

Would have increased the number of times that the legislative body of a local government may amend a mandatory element of an adopted general plan to six times during any calendar year.

Status: *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2596 (Jones) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: cities and counties.

Would have amended the California Global Warming Solutions Act to require the Air Resources Board to prepare GHG emissions inventories and forecasts for every city and county, and permitted a city or county to sell GHG emissions reductions achieved pursuant to its planning actions in any market-based compliance mechanism established by the Air Resources Board.

Status: *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 2604 (Torrico) Developer fees.

Allows local agencies to defer the collection of developer fees up to the close of escrow, with the exception of school impact fees.

Status: **Chapter 246, Statutes of 2008**

AB 2789 (Blakeslee) Small wind energy systems.

Would have reenacted a recently lapsed authorization for local governments to provide, by ordinance, for the installation of small wind energy systems, as defined, and requires local governments that have not provided such authorization by a specified date to approve applications for small wind energy systems by right if certain conditions are met by the applicants. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2870 (DeSaulnier) Land use: environmental quality.

Would have created the California Blueprint Implementation Council.

Status: *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2921 (Laird) Local government: agricultural land.

Expands and clarifies statutory procedures for the Department of Conservation to identify and respond to material breaches of Williamson Act contracts, and makes adjustments to provisions of the Williamson Act dealing with contract rescissions and open space and agricultural easements.

Status: **Chapter 503, Statutes of 2008**

AB 2939 (Hancock) Building standards: green buildings: local variances.

Would have authorized a city, county, or city and county to implement stricter green building guidelines and scoring systems than those permitted under existing law.

Status: **Vetoed**

AB 2954 (Lieber) San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.

Establishes the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority as an entity of regional government to

raise and allocate resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitat in San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline.

Status: Chapter 690, Statutes of 2008

AB 2971 (DeSaulnier) Fees: construction of bridges/major thoroughfares: fatality rates. *

Would have authorized a local agency to require the payment of a fee as a condition of issuing a building permit for purposes of defraying the actual or estimated cost of constructing transportation facilities, including pedestrian, bicycle, transit and traffic-calming facilities and creates the Fair Share for Safety program. **Status: Read second time. To third reading.**

AB 3047 (Committee on Local Government) Local agency formation commissions: notice requirements.

Makes several minor, non-controversial changes to the laws affecting local government organization and reorganization.

Status: Chapter 68, Statutes of 2008

SB 2 (Cedillo) Local planning.

Requires cities and counties to accommodate their need for emergency shelters on sites where the use is allowed without a conditional use permit, and requires cities and counties to treat transitional and supportive housing projects as a residential use of property.

Status: Chapter 633, Statutes of 2007

SB 5 (Machado) Flood management.

Requires the Department of Water Resources and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board to prepare and adopt a Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) by 2012, and establishes flood protection requirements for certain local land-use decisions consistent with the CVFPP.

Status: Chapter 364, Statutes of 2007

SB 10 (Kehoe) Airport land use commissions: San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Changes the governance and responsibilities of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority's governing board and replaces it with a new nine-member board of directors.

Status: Chapter 287, Statutes of 2007

SB 12 (Lowenthal) Planning and zoning: housing element: Southern California Association of Governments.

Revises and tailors the regional housing need assessment process for the Southern California Association of Governments for purposes of their June 30, 2007, housing element update.

Status: Chapter 5, Statutes of 2007

SB 162 (Negrete McLeod) Local government: organization.

Adds the extent to which the proposal will promote environmental justice to the list of factors a LAFCO must consider when reviewing boundary change proposals. This bill also requires LAFCOs to consider comments from voters and residents of the affected territory when reviewing a boundary change proposal.

Status: Chapter 428, Statutes of 2007

SB 206 (Cox) Public contracts: counties.

Authorizes all counties with populations of less than 500,000 to participate in the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

Status: Chapter 26, Statutes of 2007

SB 303 (Ducheny) Local government: housing supply and zoning. *

(As Amended: June 25, 2007) Would have required the housing element of the general plan to identify land to accommodate a 10-year supply of housing, required local governments to zone for five years of housing within one year of adopting the housing element, changed requirements related to the conservation and open-space elements of the general plan, and specified that all other general plan elements be updated every 10 years. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: set, first hearing. Held under submission.*

SB 303 (Ducheny) Local government: land use planning. (As Amended: June 9, 2008)

Would have required transportation agencies to develop different planning scenarios, required submittal of the scenarios to the California Air Resources Board to determine compliance with the goals of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and made other changes to the way local governments and transportation agencies plan for transportation, housing, and land use.

Status: *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held in committee and under submission.*

SB 375 (Steinberg) Transportation planning: travel demand models: sustainable communities strategy: environmental review.

Requires metropolitan planning organizations to include sustainable communities strategies, as defined, in their regional transportation plans for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions, aligns planning for transportation and housing, and creates specified incentives for the implementation of the strategies.

Status: Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008

SB 437 (Negrete McLeod) Local agencies: redevelopment.

Requires redevelopment agencies to include in their annual reports and implementation plans their time limits for eminent domain, establishment of debt, plan effectiveness, and repayment of debt.

Status: Chapter 90, Statutes of 2007

SB 558 (Cogdill) Public utilities: lease, sale, or transfer of public utilities.

Specifies that the Public Utilities Code's requirements for special procedures and voter approval before selling or transferring city utilities does not apply when a city transfers public utilities to another public agency under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

Status: Chapter 209, Statutes of 2007

SB 640 (Simitian) Circulation and transportation element. *

Would have renamed the circulation element of local general plans as the circulation and transportation element. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

SB 732 (Steinberg) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

Establishes the Strategic Growth Council, requires the Council to take certain actions with regard to coordinating specified programs of member state agencies, and requires the Council to manage and award grants and loans to support the planning and development of sustainable communities.

Status: Chapter 729, Statutes of 2008

SB 900 (Corbett) Mobilehome parks: conversion.

Would have deleted existing law that prescribes the process for avoiding the displacement of nonpurchasing residents when subdividing a mobilehome park into individual resident-owned lots. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. In Housing and Community Development Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

SB 1106 (Cedillo) Local planning.

Would have made technical, conforming changes to state law requiring that cities and counties identify a zone or zones where emergency shelters are allowed without a conditional use or other discretionary permit. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

SB 1118 (Negrete McLeod) Airports: airport land use commissions.

Would have repealed several exemptions from the general statewide requirement for each county to form an airport land use commission. **Status:** *Failed passage on Assembly Floor; reconsideration granted. Placed on Assembly Inactive File.*

SB 1185 (Lowenthal) Land use: subdivision maps.

Extends the expiration date by 12 months for specified subdivision maps that will expire before January 1, 2011, and for any legislative, administrative or other approval by a state agency relating to a development project in the subdivision, and increases the time for local discretionary extensions for tentative subdivision maps from five years to six years.

Status: Chapter 124, Statutes of 2008

SB 1237 (Cox) Subdivision Map Act: lot line adjustments: designated remainders and omitted parcels: dedications for public purposes.

Would have made changes to the Subdivision Map Act dealing with lot line adjustment deadlines, remainder parcels, and dedications.

Status: Vetoed

SB 1500 (Kehoe) Environment: CEQA: fire hazards: state responsibility areas.

Would have 1) required a county considering a proposed project in a state responsibility area (SRA) to notify the State Fire Marshall (SFM) when the project application is deemed complete; within 60 days, the SFM would have to determine whether the project continues to be within an SRA or local responsibility area; 2) prohibited a county from acting upon a proposed project in an SRA until the county certifies that structural fire protection will be

provided, as specified; and, 3) required a lead agency to consult, pursuant to CEQA, with the Board of Forestry on a proposed project in an SRA or a very high fire hazard severity zone.

Status: *Placed on Assembly Inactive File.*

SB 1557 (Wiggins) State Environmental Goals and Policy Report.

Would have declared that one of the purposes for the state's planning priorities is to help meet the state's GHG emissions limits, added the reduction of vehicle miles traveled to the list of the means to encourage efficient development patterns, and required the State Department of Finance to update the chapters on statewide planning and capitalized assets in the State Administrative Manual to include the state planning priorities in the State Environmental Goals and Policy Report (EGPR).

Status: **Vetoed**

SB 1617 (Kehoe) State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees.

Would have imposed an annual \$50 fire prevention fee on structures located in SRAs; requires fee revenues to be available to the Board of Forestry and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for fire prevention activities in SRAs.

Status: *Placed on Assembly Inactive File.*

SB 1685 (Kehoe) Regional comprehensive plan: San Diego County.

Expands the purposes for which revenues from a countywide, voter-approved retail transaction and use tax (local sales tax) in San Diego County may be used.

Status: **Chapter 83, Statutes of 2008**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

AB 49 (Arambula) Disaster assistance.

Would have added the extreme cold weather that occurred throughout California during January 2007 to the list of disasters eligible for full state reimbursement of local agency costs under the Natural Disaster Assistance Act. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 62 (Nava) Disaster relief.

Adds the wildfires that occurred in Ventura County in 2006, in El Dorado County in June 2007, and in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties in 2007, to the list of disasters eligible for full state reimbursement of local property tax losses, beneficial homeowners' property tax exemption treatment, and favorable "carry forward" treatment of excess disaster losses.

Status: **Chapter 224, Statutes of 2007**

AB 83 (Lieber) Property tax administration: PARE program.

Would have established the State-County Property Assessment and Revenue for Education Funding program to provide funding for property tax administration. **Status:** *In Senate Appropriations Committee: Set, first hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 133 (Garcia) Capital incentive investment: power plants.

Would have added a facility operated by a business engaged in the operation of a power plant used for the production of electricity from one or more specified energy sources to the list of qualified facilities under the Capital Investment Incentive Program. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Utilities and Commerce. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 181 (Beall) County penalties: automated fingerprint identification fund.

Deletes the 20-year limitation on the period during which deposits may be made into an Automated Fingerprint Identification and Digital Image Photographic Suspect Booking Identification System Fund.

Status: Chapter 49, Statutes of 2007

AB 239 (DeSaulnier) Recording fees: Contra Costa County. *

Would have allowed Contra Costa and San Mateo counties to increase real estate document recording fees to fund affordable housing development. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Committees on Local Government and Judiciary. In Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 263 (Arambula) Property tax revenue allocations: Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District.

Requires an adjustment to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) shift amount starting in the 2007-08 fiscal year to correct for errors made in calculating the District's 1989-1990 revenues, which serve as part of the basis for the ERAF shift amount.

Status: Chapter 490, Statutes of 2007

AB 373 (Wolk) Local government: Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982.

Makes numerous changes to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982.

Status: Chapter 670, Statutes of 2007

AB 406 (Galgiani) Homicide trial costs: Merced County.

Would have required the state to reimburse the County of Merced for 100% of its costs incurred in the case of *People v. Cuitlahuac Taha Rivera* from the 2007 Budget Act. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 444 (Hancock) Congestion management: motor vehicle registration fees.

Would have allowed vehicle registration fees, up to \$10 per vehicle, to be imposed for congestion management programs in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Solano, and Santa Cruz Counties. **Status:** *In Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee: Set, first hearing. Testimony taken. Further hearing to be set.*

AB 697 (Hancock) Financial assistance: relocation of retailers.

Would have prohibited a local agency, on or after October 1, 2008, from entering into any form of agreement with a retailer that would involve the shifting of any amount of Bradley-Burns local

tax proceeds if the agreement results in a reduction in the amount of revenue that is received by another local agency from the same retailer if it is located within that other local agency, and continues to maintain a physical presence and location there.

Status: Vetoed

AB 811 (Levine) Contractual assessments: energy efficiency improvements.

Authorizes all cities and counties in California to designate areas within which city officials and willing property owners may enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of distributed generation renewal energy sources and energy efficiency improvements.

Status: Chapter 159, Statutes of 2008

AB 860 (Salas) Vehicles: additional registration fees.

Would have extended until 2018 the \$1 surcharge on vehicle registrations that funds vehicle theft programs.

Status: Vetoed

AB 990 (Berg) Spud Point Marina.

Makes the necessary statutory changes to implement the Spud Point Marina Settlement Agreement entered into by Sonoma County, the Attorney General, and the Department of Boating and Waterways.

Status: Chapter 298, Statutes of 2008

AB 1004 (Parra) Property tax revenue allocations: McFarland Recreation & Park District.

Would have required, starting with the 2007-08 fiscal year, that the McFarland Recreation and Park District's annual ERAF shift amount be determined as if the district's total annual revenues for the 1989-90 fiscal year were \$512,920. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1063 (Evans) Local agency finance: limited tax bonds.

Specifies that a county board of supervisors may provide for the issuance of bonds payable from the proceeds of a transactions and use tax, subject to specified criteria.

Status: Chapter 504, Statutes of 2007

AB 1170 (Krekorian) State mandates.

Would have, with respect to a reimbursement claim that is filed or last amended on or after January 1, 2009, and no later than December 31, 2013, delete the provision that authorizes the Controller to commence an audit no later than three years from the date of the initial payment of the claim if certain conditions exist. **Status:** *In Senate Appropriations Committee: Set, first hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 1222 (Laird) State mandates.

Establishes a streamlined alternative state mandate reimbursement process, clarifies an existing reimbursement methodology, and enhances existing claiming requirements for certain mandates.

Status: Chapter 329, Statutes of 2007

AB 1254 (Caballero) Property tax revenue allocations: ERAF reduction: affordable housing.

Would have reduced a city or county's ERAF contribution by an amount equal to the city or county's share of the property tax forgone due to new tax-exempt affordable housing.

Status: *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1261 (Caballero) Infrastructure financing.

Would have made technical and clarifying changes to the statutory authorization for local government agencies to utilize private sector financing or contributions, public financing, and any combination thereof, to study, plan, design, construct, develop, finance, maintain, rebuild, improve, repair, or operate, or any combination thereof, fee-producing infrastructure facilities, and would have extended the allowable lease period from 35 years to 50 years.

Status: *To Senate Inactive File.*

AB 1478 (Jeffries) Property tax losses reserve fund: percentage limits.

Would have reduced, from 25% to 3%, the amount of the total delinquent secured taxes and assessments for counties that adopt an alternative method for the distribution of secured roll property tax levies, and would have allowed counties to credit moneys, that otherwise would be deposited in this fund, to the county general fund where the reserve fund exceeds 3% of the total delinquent secured taxes and assessments. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1576 (Silva) State mandates: reimbursement procedures: alternate procedure.

Would have enacted recommendations of the Legislative Analyst's Office for expediting the process of making mandate determinations and reducing the complexity of filing reimbursement claims. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Local Government: Set, final hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rules 62(a).*

AB 1709 (Hancock) Local government: community facilities districts.

Would have added the acquisition, installation, and improvement of energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements that are permanently fixed to the types of facilities that a community facilities district may finance, or refinance, regardless of whether the buildings or property are privately or public owned.

Status: **Vetoed**

AB 1745 (Committee on Revenue and Taxation) Government finance.

Makes various technical, noncontroversial changes to improve administration of the property tax law and ensure uniform application of the law by county tax collectors and treasurers.

Status: **Chapter 340, Statutes of 2007**

AB 1759 (DeVore) Disaster relief. *

Would have added the 2007 wildfires that occurred in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties, and the 2008 wildfires that occurred in Butte, Kern, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Plumas, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, and Trinity Counties, to the list of disasters eligible for full state reimbursement of local property tax losses, beneficial homeowners' property tax exemption treatment, and favorable "carry forward" treatment of excess disaster losses. **Status:** *From inactive file, to second reading. Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading. Re-referred to Senate Committee on Rules pursuant to Senate Rule 29.10(c).*

AB 1820 (Galgiani) Counties: homicide trials: reimbursement.

Specifies that the current formula for reimbursement to a county for homicide trial costs applies only to trials for offenses committed on or after January 1, 2005, and that costs for trials for offenses committed before that date shall be reimbursed according to the formula in place prior to January 1, 2005.

Status: Chapter 213, Statutes of 2008

AB 1827 (Beall) Tax Equity Allocation formula: County of Santa Clara.

Would have deleted the requirement that the auditor of Santa Clara County reduce the amount of property tax revenues allocated to the cities of Cupertino, Los Altos Hills, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga by the ERAF reimbursement amount, and commensurately increase the amount of property tax revenues allocated to the county ERAF. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 1959 (Jeffries) Property taxation: replicated tax payments: return.

Would have created a mechanism for a county tax collector to refund a replicated property tax payment to a person who is not the property owner but who has paid the property tax on the current assessment of that property, and would have provided, in the event of a determination by the Commission on State Mandates, or a final judicial determination, that any provision of the act constituted a mandate, that the provisions of the bill be repealed within 90 days of the determination. **Status:** *Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2. Died pending concurrence.*

AB 2009 (Hernandez) Utility user taxes: exemption.

Provides that, for purposes of the statute permitting counties to impose a utility user tax on the consumption of gas, the term "gas" shall not be construed as referring to the consumption of compressed natural gas dispensed by a gas compressor, within a local jurisdiction, that is dedicated to providing compressed natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel for use by the local agency or public transit operator.

Status: Chapter 221, Statutes of 2008

AB 2011 (Cook) Local government: bonds.

Would have prohibited an investment firm, or any of its employees or agents, from agreeing to have an interest in, or a financial relationship with, the outcome of the campaign for passage of a bond or from contributing to the campaign prior to the local agency entering into the financial

advisory relationship. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. From committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).*

AB 2054 (Plescia) Sales and use taxes: exemptions: nonprofit blood centers.

Would have exempted the state from its statutory requirement to reimburse cities and counties for lost revenues resulting from an exemption of blood centers from sales and use taxes.

Status: *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2218 (Gaines) Local government assessment and fee ballots.

Would have imposed new restrictions on local governments when conducting assessment ballot proceedings pursuant to Proposition 218. **Status:** *In Senate Appropriations Committee: Set, final hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 2558 (Feuer) Regional transportation agencies: climate protection and system preservation fee.

Would have authorized the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to impose a fee on either motor vehicle fuels or vehicle registrations to fund countywide climate change mitigation. **Status:** *To Senate Inactive File.*

AB 2601 (Benoit) Local government finance: vehicle license fee revenues: sanctuary cities.

Would have prohibited the Controller from allocating vehicle license fee revenues to any city that is declared to be a sanctuary city. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. From committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).*

AB 2676 (Charles Calderon) Taxation: transient occupancy tax.

Would have prohibited a city or county that imposes a transient occupancy tax from "retroactively" imposing that tax. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2680 (Adams) Counties: water bond loans.

Authorizes the State Controller to discharge the Department of Water Resources from accountability for collection of the loan issued to the Arrowhead Manor Water Company in 1980 under the California Safe Drinking Water Bond Law of 1976, but only if San Bernardino County or its county service area acquires the water system financed by the loan issued to the Arrowhead Manor Water Company and pays the amount of \$910,520 in complete satisfaction of that loan, on or before January 30, 2009.

Status: **Chapter 643, Statutes of 2008**

AB 2705 (Jones) Local government: Mello-Roos Community Facilities districts: public transit.

Would have expanded the services that may be financed with Mello-Roos special taxes to include public transit services. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, second hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.*

AB 2872 (Houston) Local government finance.

Would have created a mechanism that increases the amount of property tax revenues allocated to counties that currently receive less than the "county equity amount," as defined, so that, by fiscal year 2028-29, these counties will be receiving 100% of the county equity amount.

Status: *In Senate Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 3080 (Committee on Revenue and Taxation) Property taxation: local administration.

Makes various non-controversial changes to the administrative provisions of the property tax law.

Status: **Vetoed**

ACA 3 (Gaines) Expenditure limits.

Would have made changes to Article XIII B of the California Constitution established by Proposition 4 (1979), as amended by Proposition 111 (1990), which provides for a Constitutional limit on governmental expenditures. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Education, Local Government, and Appropriations. In Education Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

ACA 10 (Feuer) Bonded indebtedness: local government: transportation infrastructure.

Would have made a number of changes to the requirements for specified transportation infrastructure, including lowering to 55% the voter approval threshold for a city or county to impose, extend, or increase any special tax for the purpose of paying the principal, interest, and redemption charges on bonded indebtedness. **Status:** *Referred to the Assembly Committees on Local Government, Transportation and Appropriation.*

SB 16 (Florez) Local agency finance: limited obligation bonds.

Authorizes a local agency to restrict its pledge of local revenues to pay for limited obligation bonds to the revenues received from a specified geographical area that is within the local agency's exterior boundaries.

Status: **Chapter 25, Statutes of 2007**

SB 38 (Battin) Disaster relief

Adds the wildfires that occurred in Riverside County in October of 2006 to the list of disasters eligible for state reimbursement of local property tax losses, beneficial homeowners' property tax exemption treatment, and favorable treatment of excess disaster losses.

Status: **Chapter 222, Statutes of 2007**

SB 114 (Florez) Disaster relief.

Adds the severe freezing conditions that commenced January 11, 2007, in the counties of El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura, and Yuba to the list of disasters eligible for state reimbursement of local property tax losses, beneficial homeowners' property tax exemption treatment, and favorable treatment of excess disaster losses.

Status: **Chapter 223, Statutes of 2007**

SB 141 (Committee on Local Government) Validations.

Enacts the First Validating Act of 2007, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state, counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Status: Chapter 6, Statutes of 2007

SB 142 (Committee on Local Government) Validations.

Enacts the Second Validating Act of 2007, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state, counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Status: Chapter 216, Statutes of 2007

SB 143 (Committee on Local Government) Validations.

Enacts the Third Validating Act of 2007, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state, counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Status: Chapter 217, Statutes of 2007

SB 264 (Alquist) Transactions and use taxes: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

Authorizes the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, with a two-thirds vote of the county electorate, to impose a 0.125% transactions and use tax to pay for transit facilities and services.

Status: Chapter 430, Statutes of 2007

SB 301 (Romero) Local government finance.

Eliminates the deadline by which communities must incorporate and cities must annex inhabited land in order to receive additional vehicle license fee funding.

Status: Chapter 375, Statutes of 2008

SB 348 (Simitian) Local government: vehicle fee for congestion and stormwater management.

Reauthorizes the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County to assess an annual fee on vehicles registered within San Mateo County for programs to manage traffic congestion and stormwater pollution.

Status: Chapter 377, Statutes of 2008

SB 418 (Migden) Local government finance.

Requires, starting with the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the auditor of a county whose ERAF contains excess funds after full funding is provided to schools, county offices of education, community colleges, and general special education programs, to provide funds to cover up to 50% of the cost of funding out-of-home care in licensed children's institutions within the county.

Status: Chapter 463, Statutes of 2007

SB 604 (Cox) Prisoners: local cost reimbursements.

Would have required the State Controller to pay interest on any reimbursement claim made by a city or county for costs incurred in connection with state prisons or prisoners if reimbursement is made more than 90 days after the statement of costs is received by the Controller.

Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held in committee and under submission.

SB 613 (Simitian) Local governments: vehicle fee for congestion and stormwater management.

Would have allowed the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County to reauthorize, through January 1, 2019, an existing fee of up to \$4 on motor vehicles registered in the county for a program for the management of traffic congestion and stormwater pollution.

Status: Vetoed

SB 1061 (Committee on Local Government) Validations.

Enacts the First Validating Act of 2008, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state, counties, cities, special districts, school districts, redevelopment agencies, and other public agencies.

Status: Chapter 10, Statutes of 2008

SB 1062 (Committee on Local Government) Validations.

Enacts the Second Validating Act of 2008, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state, counties, cities, special districts, school districts, redevelopment agencies, and other public agencies.

Status: Chapter 614, Statutes of 2008

SB 1063 (Committee on Local Government) Validations.

Enacts the Third Validating Act of 2008, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state, counties, cities, special districts, school districts, redevelopment agencies, and other public agencies.

Status: Chapter 7, Statutes of 2008

SB 1064 (Hollingsworth) Disaster relief.

Adds multiple natural disasters to the list of disasters eligible for full state reimbursement of local property tax losses, beneficial homeowners' property tax exemption treatment, and favorable "carry forward" treatment of excess disaster losses.

Status: Chapter 386, Statutes of 2008

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AB 117 (Beall) Transportation authorities and districts: contracts.

Revises the procurement requirements for the purchase of supplies, equipment, and materials by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, the San Mateo County Transit District, and the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

Status: Vetoed

AB 169 (Levine) Joint powers authorities: Indian tribes. *

Would have authorized 16 federally recognized Indian tribal entities to participate in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), a joint powers authority, to vote as members of SCAG's General Assembly. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Hearing postponed by committee.*

AB 391 (Lieu) Air quality: South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD): board membership.

Would have added an additional seat on the board of directors of SCAQMD for the City of Los Angeles and makes clarifying provisions regarding which cities are represented by which geographical city selection committee. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Natural Resources. In Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 437 (Jones) Local health officers.*

Would have authorized county health officers to provide assistance to cities and counties with regard to public health issues as they relate to local land use planning and transportation planning processes. **Status:** *To Senate Inactive File.*

AB 490 (Hancock) Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District: compensation of directors.

Increases the compensation provided to members of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District board of directors; authorizes the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) board to adjust, by ordinance or resolution, its monthly compensation based on the California Consumer Price Index; and specifies that members of a public utilities district board may receive compensation not to exceed \$4,800 per year or \$100 for each day of service.

Status: **Chapter 213, Statutes of 2007**

AB 564 (Brownley) Los Angeles County Flood Control District: fees and charges.

Would authorize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to impose a fee or charge in compliance with Proposition 218, to pay the costs and expenses incurred by the District while carrying out its duties. **Status:** *To Senate Inactive File.*

AB 642 (Wolk) Design-build: counties, cities, and special districts.

Authorizes all cities in California to employ design-building contracting for the construction of buildings, authorizes cities, counties, and special districts to employ design-build contracting for the construction of no more than 20 regional and local wastewater treatment facilities, solid waste management facilities, or water recycling facilities, and requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to report to the Legislature on the use of the design-build method for such projects.

Status: **Chapter 314, Statutes of 2008**

AB 654 (Maze) Contracting: counties.

Would have increased the threshold at which a county with a population of 500,000 or more may have specified construction projects done without a contract, and increases the amount a purchasing agent may authorize an independent contractor to spend without following the formal bidding process. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 681 (Carter) Local health departments: San Bernardino County: report.

Would have authorized the San Bernardino County Health Department (SBCHD) to establish a pilot program for preparing a local health assessment and planning report for the purpose of

improving health by January 1, 2010, and authorizes SBCHD and the City of Oakland Health Department to establish a five-year pilot program to identify and address the growing rate of diabetes, as it relates to obesity, in children under five.

Status: Vetoed

AB 701 (De La Torre) Local agencies: legislative bodies: compensation.

Increases the maximum amount of salary a city council member may receive per month.

Status: Vetoed

AB 847 (Berg) Joint powers agreements: Yurok Tribe.

Would have authorized the Yurok Indian Tribe to enter into a joint powers agreement (JPA) with relevant state and federal public agencies for the purposes of preservation and restoration of fisheries in the Klamath River Basin. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, final hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).*

AB 885 (Calderon) Metropolitan Water District of So. California: board of directors.

Would have authorized a member public agency to appoint a proxy for its representative that is appointed or selected to serve on the Metropolitan Water District's board of directors.

Status: Vetoed

AB 916 (Niello) Design-build projects. *

Would have authorized the County of Sacramento to use the airport-improvement construction method of procurement for contracting on airport-related construction projects.

Status: *To Senate Inactive File.*

AB 958 (Evans) State and local government.

Makes changes to several statutes pertaining to a state loan to Sonoma County's Spud Point Marina and adds Napa County to the list of counties in which the board of supervisors is authorized to appoint the registrar of voters.

Status: Vetoed

AB 1000 (Smyth) Vessels: operation and equipment: regulation.

Would have specified that in addition to time-of-day restrictions, speed zones, special use areas, and sanitation and pollution control, an ordinance, law, regulation, or rule adopted by state or local entities other than the Department of Boating and Waterways relating to vessels may pertain to immediate threats to public safety. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1020 (Sharon Runner) Recordation: change of ownership.

Provides that the recordation of a certificate of sale for property sold with redemption rights does not constitute a change of ownership and clarifies rules for county recorders to accept digital or digitized documents for recording purposes.

Status: Chapter 277, Statutes of 2007

AB 1036 (Keene) Design-build: sanitation districts: County of Nevada.

Would have authorized all levee districts, and a sanitation district in Nevada County, to enter into design-build contracts for projects in excess of \$500,000 and exempts them from the labor protections common to all design-build statutes. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1131 (Jeffries) Joint powers agreements: joint powers agencies: powers.

Would have specified that the agreement for a joint powers agency that is authorized to levy a general or special tax, exercise eminent domain, or make a change to or enact a regulation restricting land uses must require that at least one member of the joint powers agency directly represent any affected landowner, prior to any of these action taking place. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Judiciary. In Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.*

AB 1225 (DeSaulnier) Vehicles: state and local government motor vehicle fleet. *

Would have required the Energy Commission, in conjunction with the Air Resources Board and the Department of General Services, on or before July 1, 2008, to develop a method, criteria, and procedures to evaluate the environmental and energy benefits and costs of motor vehicles for potential procurement by state and local governments based on specific criteria. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Business and Professions and Local Government.*

AB 1238 (Plescia) County property: exchanges.

Authorizes the board of supervisors of a county to exchange real property, as specified, provided that the value of any private real property exchanged is equal to or greater than 75% of the value of the county property offered in exchange, and limits other real property added to the balance of the transaction, as specified, to be no more than 25% of the value of the county property.

Status: **Chapter 145, Statutes of 2007**

AB 1260 (Caballero) Local government: taxes, fees, assessments, and charges: notice.

Clarifies how a public agency may provide notice when proposing a new or increasing an existing property-related fee or charge.

Status: **Chapter 280, Statutes of 2007**

AB 1290 (Mendoza) Fictitious business name statements.

Would have allowed a county clerk, in the event that the notice of pending expiration of a fictitious business license is returned to the clerk by United States Postal Service as undeliverable, to dispose of the returned notice without delay.

Status: **Vetoed**

AB 1510 (Parra) Design-build: counties. * (As amended: June 19, 2007)

Would have allowed Kern County to use the design-build contracting method. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1510 (Plescia) Subdivision Map Act: exemptions. (As amended: June 16, 2008)
Exempts specified solar and biogas projects from the requirements of the Subdivision Map Act.
Status: Chapter 658, Statutes of 2008

AB 1543 (Leno) Treasure Island Transportation Management.
Enacts the Treasure Island Transportation Management Act.
Status: Vetoed

AB 1646 (DeSaulnier) Public health districts.* (As Amended: September 6, 2007)
Would have authorized a county board of supervisors to form public health districts for certain purposes and specifies that such districts are exempt for the provisions of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. **Status: Referred to Assembly Committees on Health and Local Government.**

AB 1646 (DeSaulnier) Transactions and use taxes: counties: public health. (As Amended: January 17, 2008)
Would have authorized counties to place a measure on the ballot to impose a local sales and use tax to fund local public health departments. **Status: In Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.**

AB 1670 (Mendoza) Fictitious business name statements.
Revises and clarifies provisions of law governing the filing of fictitious business name statements.
Status: Chapter 716, Statutes of 2008

AB 1684 (Emmerson) Local government records: recordings. *
Would have reduced the time that counties, cities, special districts, and transit agencies must retain routine video monitoring recordings from one year to 210 days, with specified exceptions. **Status: In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.**

AB 1756 (Caballero) Local infrastructure development: public-private partnerships.
Would have required the Secretary of the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency to create an Office of Local-Public Private Partnerships to inform local agencies and other interested stakeholders of the role that public-private partnerships can play in financing, constructing, maintaining, or managing fee-producing local infrastructure projects. **Status: Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Business Professions. In Assembly Business and Professions Committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.**

AB 1836 (Feuer) Infrastructure Financing Districts.
Would have removed the water approval requirement for the formation of an infrastructure financing district. **Status: In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.**

AB 1856 (Jeffries) Elsinore Water District.

Authorizes the Elsinore Water District Board of Directors to conduct meetings of the District at a public location outside of the District's boundaries.

Status: Chapter 20, Statutes of 2008

AB 1884 (Maze) Joint powers agreement: Tule River Tribal Council.

Would have permitted the Tule River Tribal Council to enter into a JPA with the City of Porterville.

Status: Vetoed

AB 1932 (Smyth) Simi Valley: public cemeteries.

Authorizes the City of Simi Valley to survey, lay out, dedicate, own and operate for burial purposes, or to purchase, or receive by gift or donation five acres or more of public lands to be used as a public cemetery.

Status: Chapter 126, Statutes of 2008

AB 1985 (Strickland) Sidewalks: repairs.

Would have repealed current laws regarding sidewalk repairs, and instead holds liable the owner of the property on which the sidewalk is located for all repairs and maintenance of the sidewalk.

Status: In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, second hearing. Failed passage.

Reconsideration granted.

AB 1998 (Silva) Political Reform Act of 1974: local agency formation commissions.

Makes contributions and expenditures to support or oppose a local agency formation commission proposal subject to the reporting and enforcement requirements of the Political Reform Act.

Status: Chapter 192, Statutes of 2008

AB 2001 (Swanson) Local government: whistleblower hotlines.

Authorizes a city or county or city and county auditor or controller to maintain a whistleblower hotline to receive calls from persons who have information regarding possible violations by local government employees of state, federal, or local statutes, rules or regulations.

Status: Chapter 325, Statutes of 2008

AB 2212 (Ruskin) Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Would make various changes to the Santa Clara Valley Water District's enabling act.

Status: To Assembly Inactive File.

AB 2278 (Caballero) Local infrastructure development: public-private partnerships.

(As Amended: May 6, 2008)

Would have required the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to advise and educate local agencies and other interested stakeholders of the role that public-private partnerships can play in financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, or managing fee-producing local infrastructure projects. **Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.**

AB 2367 (Leno) Infrastructure financing districts: City and County of San Francisco.
(As Amended: June 12, 2008) Would have made various changes to the authority given to San Francisco to form an infrastructure financing district for waterfront improvement and restoration. **Status:** *Placed on Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2430 (Strickland) Local agencies: whistleblower protection.
Would have required a city or county auditor to investigate the report of an improper governmental activity by a local agency, defined as a city, county, or city and county, or local agency employee, subject to specified criteria. It would have prohibited a local agency employee from using his or her official authority or influence to intimidate, threaten, coerce, or command a person for the purpose of interfering with the rights conferred by its provisions, and provides for various civil and criminal penalties for violation of its provisions. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Judiciary. In Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2522 (Arambula) San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District.
Authorizes the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to increase vehicle license fees up to a maximum of \$30.
Status: **Chapter 677, Statutes of 2008**

AB 2564 (Garcia) Irrigation districts.
Would have required that any irrigation district that supplies electric power and has 50,000 electrical service connections, 75% of which are outside the districts boundaries, to conduct an election, inside and outside the district boundaries, to reorganize the district to form a separate utility district. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2566 (Hancock) Firearms: prohibitions.
Would have provided that no provision of law shall limit the authority of any city, county, or city and county to regulate or prohibit the purchase, sale, ownership, possession, keeping, carrying, manufacture, transfer, or distribution of handguns within the jurisdiction limits of that city, county, or city and county. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Public Safety and Local Government. In Public Safety Committee: Set, second hearing. Failed passage. From committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).*

AB 2588 (Charles Calderon) Commercial vehicle vending: restrictions.
Clarifies that the California Retail Food Code does not prohibit a local governing body from adopting requirements for the public safety regulating the type of vending and the time, place, and manner of vending from vehicles upon a street.
Status: **Chapter 139, Statutes of 2008**

AB 2646 (Leno) Treasure Island Transportation Management. *
(As Introduced: February 22, 2008) Would have enacted the Treasure Island Transportation Management Act, and would authorize the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San

Francisco to designate a board or agency to act as the transportation management agency for Treasure Island, defined to also include Yerba Buena Island. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Transportation and Local Government.*

AB 2646 (Leno) Infrastructure financing districts: City and County of San Francisco. (As Amended: April 21, 2008) Would have authorized the City and County of San Francisco to create an infrastructure financing district that includes specified waterfront property to modify. **Status:** *Amended and re-referred to Committee on Rules by unanimous consent.*

AB 2674 (Emmerson) Joint powers agreements: investor-owned water utilities. Would have authorized an investor-owned water utility to enter into a joint powers agreement with a public agency. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2686 (Nava) Santa Ynez Valley Water District. Would have created the Santa Ynez Valley Water Act. **Status:** **Vetoed**

AB 2993 (Plescia) Design-build: metropolitan water districts: renewable energy. Would have approved a metropolitan water district, with the approval of its board of directors, to enter into design-build contracts, as defined, for the design, construction, fabrication, and installation of renewable energy projects, in accordance with specified provisions. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 3005 (Jones) Community development: mitigation fees. Requires a local agency, when imposing a fee for the purpose of mitigating vehicular traffic impacts on a housing development located near a transit station and meeting other specified characteristics, to set the fee at a rate that reflects reduced automobile trip generation, unless the local agency finds that the development would not significantly reduce automobile trip generation. **Status:** **Chapter 692, Statutes of 2008**

AB 3030 (Brownley) Local publicly-owned water utility: rate cases. Authorizes an agency providing water, sewer, or refuse collection service to adopt a schedule of fees or charges for a property-related service for a period not to exceed five years. **Status:** **Chapter 611, Statutes of 2008**

ACA 8 (De La Torre) Eminent domain. Would have proposed to place before the voters a constitutional amendment that would prohibit the use of eminent domain to acquire owner-occupied homes or the property on which a small business is located under certain circumstances. **Status:** *In Assembly: Read third time, refused adoption.*

SB 10 (Kehoe) Airport land use commissions: San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Changes the governance and responsibilities of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority's governing board and replaces it with a new nine-member board of directors.

Status: Chapter 287, Statutes of 2007

SB 61 (Runner) Castaic Lake Water Agency.

Changes, in the Castaic Lake Water Agency Law, the initial term of office for the director elected as a successor to the director who was appointed by a private water purveyor, which has now been acquired by the agency, from two to four years, and removes obsolete provisions of law.

Status: Chapter 688, Statutes of 2008

SB 103 (Cedillo) Economic development subsidies: review by local agencies.

Would have required local agencies to provide public disclosure and periodic for any economic development subsidy of \$100,000 or more and establishes ongoing reporting requirements related to such subsidies.

Status: Vetoed

SB 144 (Committee on Local Government) Local Government Omnibus Act of 2007.

Enacts the Local Government Omnibus Act of 2007 and makes 23 changes to state laws affecting local agencies' powers and duties.

Status: Chapter 343, Statutes of 2007

SB 233 (Cox) Public contracts: design-build contracting.

Adds "county sanitation wastewater facilities" to the definition of a "project" for which design-build contracting may be employed by designated counties.

Status: Chapter 584, Statutes of 2007

SB 360 (Negrete McLeod) Local government: Capital Investment Incentive Program. *
(As Introduced: February 20, 2007) Repeals the Capitol Investment Incentive Program.

Status: Referred to Committee on Local Government: Hearing postponed by committee.

SB 360 (Negrete McLeod) Redevelopment agencies: payments to taxing entities.

(As Amended August 8, 2008) Would have required a county auditor, on behalf of a redevelopment agency, to calculate and pay pass-through agreements to the affected taxing entities in a project area.

Status: Vetoed

SB 416 (Ashburn) Design-build: counties.

Authorizes every county in the state to employ design-build contracting under specified conditions and specifies that, except as provided in the statute amended by this bill, nothing in this bill shall be construed to affect the application of any other law.

Status: Chapter 585, Statutes of 2007

SB 493 (Cogdil) Counties: purchasing agents.

Would have increased from \$100,000 to \$150,000 the amount below which the board of supervisors in a county having a population of 200,000 or more may authorize a purchasing agent to engage independent contractors to perform services for the county. **Status:** *From Assembly Inactive File to third reading file.*

SB 567 (Aanestad) Counties: consolidation of offices: watermaster districts.

Clarifies who may serve on the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District and the Shasta-Tehama Watermaster District boards, and consolidates. (Please see analysis for complete summary.)

Status: Chapter 703, Statutes of 2008

SB 582 (Corbett) Charitable solicitations.

Creates a procedure for law enforcement personnel, firefighters, and other public safety employees of a local agency to obtain approval from a city, county, or city and county to engage in charitable solicitation activities on public roadways, notwithstanding any local ordinance that restricts such activity.

Status: Chapter 446, Statutes of 2007

SB 719 (Machado) San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District: district board membership.

Increases the size of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District's governing board from 11 members to 15 members by increasing the number of city members on the board from three to five members and adding two public members appointed by the Governor and subject to Senate confirmation.

Status: Chapter 728, Statutes of 2007

SB 886 (Negrete McLeod) Air quality district board.

Adds an additional seat on the board of directors of SCAQMD for the City of Los Angeles; makes clarifying provisions regarding which cities are represented by which geographical city selection committee for SCAQMD; and deletes prohibitions on a member serving more than two consecutive terms as chair of SCAQMD, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District.

Status: Chapter 664, Statutes of 2007

SB 939 (Wiggins) Local government: Hoopa Valley Indian Tribe.*

Would have moved the statutory provision authorizing the Hoopa Valley Business Council to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purpose of participating as a legislative body on the Humboldt County Association of Governments from the part of the Government Code related to local planning to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.*

SB 1103 (Cedillo) Economic development subsidies: review by local agencies. *

Would have required local agencies, beginning January 1, 2009, to provide specified information

to the public before approving any economic development subsidy over \$100,000. **Status:** *Read third time. Amended and re-referred to Committee on Rules pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2.*

SB 1117 (Cox) Hot Spring Valley Water District.

Dissolves the Hot Spring Valley Irrigation District and forms the Hot Spring Valley Water District under the California Water District Law.

Status: Chapter 615, Statutes of 2008

SB 1124 (Committee on Local Government) Local Government Omnibus Act of 2008.

Enacts the "Local Government Omnibus Act of 2008" and makes 15 changes to the state laws affecting local agencies' powers and duties.

Status: Chapter 709, Statutes of 2008

SB 1191 (Alquist) Local government: community service districts.

Allows a community services district to construct, own, improve, maintain, and operate broadband facilities and provide broadband services, if a private person or entity is unable or unwilling to deploy broadband service.

Status: Chapter 70, Statutes of 2008

SB 1252 (Padilla) Wireless telecommunications carriers: public property access: repairs during a declared emergency. *

Would have allowed, under emergency conditions, a wireless telecommunications carrier to enter public property to repair damaged equipment or facilities, and would have made other changes for telecommunications carrier in emergency situations. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Judiciary. In Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

SB 1276 (Ashburn) Vandalia Water District.

Dissolves the Vandalia Irrigation District and forms the Vandalia Water District under the California Water District Law.

Status: Chapter 619, Statutes of 2008

SB 1287 (Hollingsworth) Local government: records: Riverside County.

Authorizes the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution which permits the County Recorder of Riverside County to notify a party of the execution of an instrument affecting their interest in real property, within 30 days of the resolution and in a form as specified.

Status: Chapter 117, Statutes of 2008

SB 1293 (Negrete McLeod) Joint exercise of powers: reporting and disclosures.

Would have imposed additional transparency and accountability requirements on conduit financing providers in California.

Status: Vetoed

SB 1326 (Ducheny) Vector control.

Would have required a mosquito abatement and vector control district board of trustees to adopt

a formal written response to an irregularity or accounting issue identified in a regular audit, and requires a mosquito abatement and vector control district, before it levies special benefit assessments, to provide notice regarding the proposed assessment to the appointing authority.

Status: Vetoed

SB 1335 (Negrete McLeod) Infrastructure financing districts: City of Colton:

Agua Mansa area.

Would have removed the voter approval requirement for the formation of an infrastructure financing district in the City of Colton.

Status: Vetoed

SB 1396 (Cox) Local government: recording fees.

Allows a county board of supervisors, through adoption of a resolution, to impose a higher recording fee at the time of recording for real estate instruments, and expands the definition of "real estate instrument."

Status: Chapter 405, Statutes of 2008

SB 1458 (Committee on Local Government Committee) Local government: the County Service Area Law.

Repeals the current statute and enacts a new County Service Area Law.

Status: Chapter 158, Statutes of 2008

SB 1482 (Correa) Local government: forfeiture of office.

Requires an elected officer of a city, county, or district in California to forfeit office upon the conviction of a crime that involves a false claim or receipt of any military decoration or medal pursuant to the federal Stolen Valor Act of 2005.

Status: Chapter 118, Statutes of 2008

SB 1510 (Kehoe) San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Changes the powers and duties of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority in 13 ways.

Status: Chapter 620, Statutes of 2008

SB 1519 (Yee) Local governments: taxicabs.

Authorizes a local agency to disconnect the telephone service of a taxicab operator that is operating in violation of its rules if other enforcement remedies have failed.

Status: Chapter 721, Statutes of 2008

SB 1543 (Machado) Sacramento San Joaquin Delta. *

Would have deleted the provision of the Delta Protection Act that authorizes the Delta Protection Commission to delegate to its executive director the authority to determine whether an issue raised on appeal is not within its jurisdiction or does not raise an appealable issue.

Status: Placed on Assembly Inactive File.

SB 1548 (Florez) San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District: city selection committee.

Creates a special city selection committee to appoint the city council members to the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District.

Status: Chapter 622, Statutes of 2008

SB 1699 (Wiggins) Public contracts: health care districts: design-build.

Authorizes the Sonoma Valley Health Care District to use design-build contracting for the construction of buildings and improvements directly related to a hospital or health facility building, which shall be reviewed and inspected according to the standards and requirements of the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983.

Status: Chapter 415, Statutes of 2008

OPEN MEETINGS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST

AB 1678 (De La Torre) Public officials: conflicts of interest.

Provides that the statute of limitations for suits to void a contract in violation of Government Code Section 1090 (Sec. 1090) is four years after the plaintiff has discovered, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have discovered, the violation.

Status: Chapter 68, Statutes of 2007

AB 1978 (Solorio) Public records: computer mapping systems.

Would have provided that computer mapping systems include assembled model data, metadata, and listings of metadata, regardless of medium, and tools by which computer mapping system records are created, stored, and retrieved. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Governmental Organization and Local Government. In Governmental Organization Committee: Hearing postponed by committee.*

SB 343 (Negrete McLeod) Local agencies: open meetings: documents.

Requires, on and after July 1, 2008, that any writing relating to an agenda item for an open session of a regular meeting of the legislative body of a local agency that is distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting be made available for public inspection at the time it is distributed to the members of the legislative body.

Status: Chapter 298, Statutes of 2007

SB 964 (Romero) Local agencies.

Would have prohibited a majority of the members of a legislative body from using a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) to be conducted in public.

Status: Vetoed

SB 1732 (Romero) Local agencies.

Prohibits a majority of the members of a legislative body from using a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate or take action on any item of business that is required by the Brown Act to be conducted in public.

Status: Chapter 63, Statutes of 2008

SPECIAL DISTRICTS

AB 61 (Nava) Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District.

Increases from five to seven the size of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District board of directors, with one new member to be appointed by the Carpinteria city council and the other to be appointed by the Goleta city council.

Status: Chapter 103, Statutes of 2007

AB 117 (Beall) Transportation authorities and districts: contracts.

Revises the procurement requirements for the purchase of supplies, equipment, and materials by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, the San Mateo County Transit District, and the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

Status: Vetoed

AB 391 (Lieu) Air quality: SCAQMD: board membership.

Would have added an additional seat on the board of directors of SCAQMD for the City of Los Angeles and makes clarifying provisions regarding which cities are represented by which geographical city selection committee. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Natural Resources. In Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 490 (Hancock) Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District: compensation of directors.

Increases the compensation provided to members of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District board of directors; authorizes the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) board to adjust, by ordinance or resolution, its monthly compensation based on the California Consumer Price Index; and specifies that members of a public utilities district board may receive compensation not to exceed \$4,800 per year or \$100 for each day of service.

Status: Chapter 213, Statutes of 2007

AB 564 (Brownley) Los Angeles County Flood Control District: fees and charges.

Would have authorized the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to impose a fee or charge in compliance with Proposition 218, to pay the costs and expenses incurred by the District while carrying out its duties. **Status:** *To Senate Inactive File.*

AB 568 (Karnette) Port Community Advisory Committee.

Would have required the governing authorities of five specified ports to determine whether to establish a port community advisory committee within 90 days of receiving a petition from a

community organization. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.*

AB 593 (Dymally) Water replenishment district: water replenishment assessment.
Would have changed the date for the public hearing of a water replenishment district on a proposed assessment from the second to the third Tuesday in April. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Water, Parks and Wildlife.*

AB 640 (De La Torre) Water replenishment districts. *
Would have required a water replenishment district that serves more than one groundwater basin to compute its groundwater replenishment assessment on a per basin amount. **Status:** *Read second time. To third reading.*

AB 697 (Ruskin) Parks and recreation: districts: repayment of indebtedness.
Would have extended from 20 years to 30 years the term that the East Bay Regional Park District and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District have to repay debt incurred after January 1, 2008. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 738 (Strickland) Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency.
Authorizes the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency board of directors to impose a groundwater extraction charge that exceeds \$7.50 per acre-foot pumped per year if that action is approved by a majority vote of the operators of extraction facilities that are subject to the charge, with votes weighted based on the volume of water extracted by each operator.
Status: **Chapter 551, Statutes of 2007**

AB 885 (Calderon) Metropolitan Water District of So. California: board of directors.
Would have required the make-up of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California board of directors to remain the same as it was as of January 1, 2007, and requires a study to be done on how the members are selected. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Testimony taken. Further hearing to be set.*

AB 889 (Lieu) Metro Green Line Construction Authority.
Would have established the Metro Green Line Construction Authority for the purpose of awarding and overseeing final design and construction of the Los Angeles Metro Green Line light rail project. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 938 (Calderon) Water districts: urban runoff.
Would have allowed a county or a city to convene one or more watershed quality committees to develop and facilitate cooperation in achieving local water quality solutions, and authorizes cities and counties to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and furnish facilities for the diversion of urban runoff. **Status:** *In Senate Environmental Quality Committee: hearing postponed by committee.*

AB 1036 (Keene) Design-build: sanitation districts: County of Nevada.

Would have authorized all levee districts, and a sanitation district in Nevada County, to enter into design-build contracts for projects in excess of \$500,000, and exempts them from the labor protections common to all design-build statutes. **Status:** *In Senate Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1174 (Keene) Hospital districts.

Eliminates the January 1, 2008, sunset date on the authority for Eastern Plumas Health Care District to operate the Sierra Valley District Hospital as a skilled nursing facility or as an intermediate care facility under a consolidated license.

Status: Chapter 20, Statutes of 2007

AB 1208 (Silva) Improvement districts.

Makes various changes to the laws governing business improvement districts.

Status: Chapter 114, Statutes of 2007

AB 1326 (Houston) San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Deletes a requirement for BART and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to adjust annually the maximum value of sole-source contracting authority consistent with a price index maintained by the Federal Transit Administration.

Status: Chapter 116, Statutes of 2007

AB 1580 (La Malfa) Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District Act.

Creates the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District.

Status: Chapter 416, Statutes of 2007

AB 1733 (Committee on Elections and Redistricting) Park districts.

Requires election returns from an election held to determine whether to form a regional park district, regional park and open-space district, or regional open-space district to be forwarded to the board of supervisors of the county having the largest area within the proposed district at the conclusion of the canvass of election results. This bill requires the board of supervisors to certify the results of the election at its first meeting after the receipt of the election returns.

Status: Chapter 423, Statutes of 2007

AB 2278 (Aghazarian) Local agencies. * (As amended: March 6, 2008)

Would have authorized a fire protection district, as specified, to negotiate any exchange of property tax revenues on its own behalf when a jurisdictional change occurs that affects its service area or service responsibility. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 2484 (Caballero) Local government: special districts.

Establishes a clear procedure and criteria for a special district to initiate, by resolution, a proposal to a LAFCO to increase, modify, decrease or divest itself of specified services or functions within its district service area.

Status: Chapter 196, Statutes of 2008

AB 2510 (La Malfa) Local government: special districts: audits.

Authorizes the use of a financial review in accordance with specified procedures if a special districts revenues and expenditures are transacted through the county's financial system and the special district's annual revenues do not exceed \$150,000.

Status: Chapter 244, Statutes of 2008

AB 2522 (Arambula) San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District.

Authorizes the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to increase vehicle license fees up to a maximum of \$30.

Status: Chapter 677, Statutes of 2008

AB 2583 (Coto) Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Would have authorized the district to implement the use of annual contracts for repetitive work at unit prices, in accordance with specified provisions of public contract law, as provided. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

SB 230 (Yee) Police protection districts.

Provides that a police protection district shall have all the rights, duties, privileges, immunities, obligations, and powers of a municipal police department, and authorizes a district board to delegate to the chief of police the authority to appoint and dismiss district employees.

Status: Chapter 169, Statutes of 2007

SB 444 (Local Government Committee) Local government: standby charges.

Deletes obsolete language relating to the imposition of standby charges from the Uniform Standby Charge Procedures Act and over two dozen other general and principal acts.

Status: Chapter 27, Statutes of 2007

SB 488 (Migden) Public resources: open-space district: exchange of real property.

Adds the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to the list of regional park and open space districts that may exchange up to 40 acres a year without voter approval.

Status: Chapter 28, Statutes of 2007

SB 516 (Aanestad) Shasta County Watermaster District.

Creates the Shasta-Tehama County Watermaster District in Shasta County and parts of Tehama County, which will perform various functions currently provided by the Department of Water Resources Watermaster program. This bill also creates a seven-member board of directors to govern the newly formed district, to be appointed by the boards of supervisors of Shasta and Tehama counties on or before February 1, 2008.

Status: Chapter 434, Statutes of 2007

SB 645 (Correa) Orange County Sanitation District: design-build contracts.

Authorizes the Orange County Sanitation District to use the design-build contracting method for construction projects, including public wastewater facilities, in excess of \$6 million, and

authorizes the City of Stanton to enter into design-build contracts according to specified procedures.

Status: Chapter 473, Statutes of 2007

SB 699 (Ducheny) Developer fees: water rights and supply.

Expands the Mitigation Fee Acts definition of "capacity charge" to include supply or capacity contracts for rights or entitlements, real property interests, and entitlements and other rights involving a capital expense relating to the local agency's existing or new public facilities.

Status: Chapter 94, Statutes of 2007

SB 719 (Machado) San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District: district board membership.

Increases the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District's governing board from 11 members to 15 members by increasing the number of city members on the District board from three to five members and adding two public member appointed by the Governor and subject to Senate confirmation.

Status: Chapter 728, Statutes of 2007

SB 819 (Hollingsworth) Local government: consolidation.

Deletes the July 1, 2008 sunset date and makes permanent the statutory provisions that allow LAFCOs to consolidate and reorganize special districts that were not formed under the same principal act.

Status: Chapter 98, Statutes of 2007

SB 1093 (Wiggins) San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority.

Clarifies the transition of public transportation ferries and related services and facilities to the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority.

Status: Chapter 387, Statutes of 2008

SB 1191 (Alquist) Local government: community service districts.

Allows a community services district to construct, own, improve, maintain, and operate broadband facilities and provide broadband services, if a private person or entity is unable or unwilling to deploy broadband service.

Status: Chapter 70, Statutes of 2008

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